

To Take Oath as Postmaster General
Wednesday.

Called on the President Today

Declines to Talk Now on Postal Matters.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HIM

Harry C. Payne, of Milwaukee, who has been elected by President Roosevelt to succeed Charles Emory Smith as Postmaster General, arrived in Washington last night. He expects to be inducted into office Wednesday morning and to take the oath of office in the cabinet room at the White House at 10 o'clock. It will be administered by a Justice of the Supreme Court and Mr. Payne will immediately take charge of his department. With Mrs. Payne and her niece, Miss Louise Van Dyke Jones, he has taken apartments in the Arlington, where the party intends to remain a month or longer. Mr. Payne plans possibly to rent a house here and establish his wife and niece as the mistress of a new capital home.

As soon as possible after his arrival at the Arlington, Mr. Payne was about 8 o'clock yesterday evening, the new Postmaster General and the retiring head of the department came together for a conference. The meeting was held in the office of the new Postmaster General, who arrived only a few minutes before they left the hotel, walked to the residence of Senator Spooner and included him in their discussion. The meeting was held in the office of the new Postmaster General, who arrived only a few minutes before they left the hotel, walked to the residence of Senator Spooner and included him in their discussion.

No Idea on Postal Matters.
"I have no idea on any postal matter," he said to a reporter for The Star this morning. "My private affairs have occupied me recently to the exclusion of everything else. I have been so rushed in arranging for my journey to Washington that I have been unable even to think of the Post Office Department. Accordingly, I have no inclination to talk departmental affairs for publication, and I have not done so."

Some one misquoted me recently as an ardent advocate of penny postage. It seems to me that that is only a question of time. I believe in it to that extent. But it is a question of time, and we must be approached from that point of view.

On all other subjects which have been brought to my attention by interviewers I have not even a faint idea. I don't know whether or not there are to be any changes in the post office force. I have no opinion as to the abuse of second-class mail matter. I am not intimately acquainted with the rural free delivery system. About the only thing I have decided is that my secretary will be sent to Washington and remain with me here.

"Mrs. Payne and Miss Jones will be with me permanently, but they are to return to their homes in the course of the next few days."

His Knowledge Understood.
Notwithstanding his disavowal of all ideas on postal matters Mr. Payne is believed to have brought to his new office a very complete knowledge of the Post Office Department. For ten years he served as postmaster of Milwaukee, and his administration of that office is said to have been uniformly successful. He was a progressive in the postal service, and he has been quoted as extreme. He has been frequently quoted as extreme. He has been frequently quoted as extreme. He has been frequently quoted as extreme.

Commander Schree Reports Matters Generally Quiet.

Commander U. Schree, commandant of the United States naval station at Tutuila, under date of Pago-Pago, Samoa, has made a report to the Navy Department in regard to that station. Since he assumed command, in November last, he has visited the islands of Manua and Olesaga and the village Leone, in Tutuila, as well as some of the villages on Pago-Pago bay. Commander Schree says sickness is prevalent among the natives, most of whom are suffering from influenza. Good progress is being made in road-making by the natives, men, women and children being employed. In some instances the work has been retarded by sickness.

Commander Bull's Injuries.

Believed That He Will Be Able to Return to Duty Eventually.
The statement that Lieut. Commander J. H. Bull of the navy, who was severely injured by a fall from the dome of the government building at Buffalo last summer, has been recommended for retirement on account of his injuries was erroneous. On the contrary, the examining board reported that the Commander Bull was not at present capable of active service there was nothing to indicate that his injuries were permanent. The board, therefore, recommended that he be allowed to go to the naval hospital at New York for treatment. His friends are confident that he will recover his health in a short time and be able for any duty that may be assigned to him.

The Illinois Leaves Dry Dock.

Proposed Call at Pensacola Will Have to Be Omitted.
The big battle ship Illinois has just come out of the floating dry dock at the New Orleans naval station, having successfully demonstrated the possibilities of that structure. The Illinois has been detained so long in the Mississippi waiting for the dock that the plans for her trip to Pensacola have been abandoned. It will be necessary to omit the call at Pensacola which had been promised to the Florida people, and instead the ship, after touching at Havana for coal, will proceed directly north to Newport News. It was intended that the ship, after touching at Havana for coal, will proceed directly north to Newport News. It was intended that the ship, after touching at Havana for coal, will proceed directly north to Newport News.

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MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT IT AT NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Neither Admiral Taylor Nor Capt. Clark Will Speak of It—Question of Rewarding Oregon Commander.

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To Reward Capt. Clark.

The President is considering ways and means of further rewarding Captain Clark, who commanded the Oregon during the Spanish war, for his exceptional services therein. It is held that the Navy Department has exhausted the possibilities of the law authorizing the promotion or advancement by numbers of officers who distinguished themselves in the Spanish war, so that if Captain Clark is to be further rewarded, it must be accomplished through special legislation. Standing No. 8 on the list of captains in the navy, Captain Clark is entitled to the ordinary rule, eligible to command a great naval station, and the opinion prevails at the Navy Department that Congress will be asked for authority to promote him to the grade of rear admiral without prejudice to the officers who stand above him on the list of captains.

HEADS OF STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

Secretary Root's Interpretation of the Reorganization Law.

Secretary Root will inform the Senate committee on military affairs of his interpretation of the reorganization law, which according to his interpretation the provisions of the army reorganization law regarding the filling of vacancies in the heads of staff departments, require that vacancies in the office of chief of engineers shall be filled by appointment from officers of that department, but in the case of all other staff departments vacancies in the head shall be filled by detail from the line. As a result of the President will probably send to the Senate in a few days the following nominations: Receiver of public money at Los Angeles, Henry D. Bowman, reappointment; Captain of Engineers, Second Lieut. Fe. Manuel R. Otero, reappointment; register of the land office at Roswell, Howard Leland.

RECORD OF THE SCHLEY COURT.

Secretary Long Asks for Authority for Printing More Copies.

Secretary Long has written a letter to the congressional naval committee asking authority for printing copies of the proceedings of the Schley court of inquiry for distribution. "The department," he says, "is in receipt of numerous requests from members of Congress, libraries, organizations and individuals for copies of the proceedings of the Schley court of inquiry, to which it has uniformly replied that the proceedings of the above-mentioned court were not made public, and that no copies of the proceedings could be distributed unless Congress should authorize same, but that if any authority should be given, and an application is submitted to the department, it will be glad to be pleased to consider same. The entire proceedings are in stereotype form at the government printing office and it is requested that the Congress authorize the printing of 500 copies of the proceedings for the use of the Navy Department, and such copies for the House and Senate, respectively, as may be deemed necessary and expedient."

DREDGING OPERATIONS SUSPENDED.

Work Remaining to Complete Potomac River Improvements.

According to Col. Allen, the engineer officer in charge of the improvements of the Potomac river, the following work is required to complete the approved project: The dredging or redressing of the Virginia and Washington channels and of the tidal reservoir, the raising of the remainder of the reclaimed area to the required height, the completion of the sea wall in the reservoir and raising a portion of the wall along the Washington channel, the completion of the intake gates and the completion of the training dam on the right of the Virginia channel above the Long Allen dam.

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Gov. Crane of Massachusetts Calls on the President.

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL

Pacific Coast People Want Free Intercourse.

SOME OF TODAY'S CALLERS

Gov. Crane of Massachusetts, who was invited to enter the cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury, saw the President this morning while Mr. Crane and Senator Spooner were with the chief executive. Senator Spooner talked over some important legislation with the President. The Wisconsin senator has taken the same high rank in the estimation of President Roosevelt held in that of President McKinley. His ability was quickly seen and appreciated by Mr. Roosevelt, who frequently consults with him. The President admires Senator Spooner's aptitude for keeping a close mouth and trusts him with some of the most important secrets of the administration.

They Want Free Intercourse.

Senator Mitchell and Representatives Tongue and Moody of Oregon, had a talk with the President today about legislative affairs of interest to their state. Senator Mitchell is not pleased with the Philippine tariff bill reported by the ways and means committee of the House, and gave the President a number of what ought to be done in this direction.

The President has decided upon the nomination of George W. Hilber as receiver of the land office at Santa Fe, N. M.

Several Florida politicians saw the President today. The latter has received a long document from Alabama, making charges against L. J. Bryan, who was recently nominated as marshal of one of the Alabama districts. The charges are accompanied by affidavits, and an attempt is being made to have the nomination defeated in the Senate.

House Naval Affairs Committee Went to the Navy Department.

The members of the House committee on naval affairs, headed by Chairman Foss, called on Secretary Long at the Navy Department this morning to pay their respects. In accordance with the regular custom of that committee of visiting the Navy Department near the beginning of each session on a social call. The members of the committee made the acquaintance of Mr. Darling, the new assistant secretary, and of the other officials whom some of them had not met.

COMMANDEER BARRY REPORTS.

Says There Is Nothing Serious in the Situation at Newchank.

Secretary Long received the following telegram this morning from Commander Edward B. Barry of the gunboat Vicksburg, in answer to the department's inquiry regarding the recently reported clash between the sailors of that vessel and Russian soldiers at Newchank:

"YINGKAU."
"BARRY."

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

House Bill Considered by Republican Senators.

The republican members of the Senate committee on Philippines had a conference today and considered the House tariff bill. The principal subject under discussion was a proposition to make a reduction of 25 per cent on goods coming from the Philippines to the United States. No agreement was reached and there is a divergence of opinion as to the proposition. It is expected that an agreement will be reached by the full committee meets on Thursday.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL.

It Postponed Conference on District Appropriations.

Owing to the need of immediate action on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill which was to have taken place between the Commissioners of the House and the committee on appropriations was postponed and the committee devoted itself to the urgent bill. Treasurer Roberts and other government officials were heard on various items to be included in this bill. The pressing need of several branches of government work which is being crippled on account of the lack of funds is the cause of the haste on the part of the committee. The Washington navy yard, for instance, is obliged to keep 500 men on the payroll for the reason that its appropriation for running expenses is almost exhausted.

Question of Forest Reserves.

Representative Lacey, chairman of the House committee on public lands, had a talk with the President about legislation for the protection of forest reserves and the game in these preserves. Representative Lacey intends to draw up a bill covering the recommendations of the President on these subjects in his first annual message. The question that arises has been as to what power the United States could exercise over the reserves and the game and complete national forests within a territory of the United States, the federal legislative power is ample.

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Further Investigation by the Senate Committee.

M. LAMPRE QUESTIONED CLOSELY

Senator Morgan Says He Would Not Have It Anyway.

WHAT WAS DISCLOSED

A meeting of the committee on inter-oceanic canal was held at 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Edouard Lampre, secretary of the Panama Canal Company, and Mr. Jules Bonjean, of the French embassy were present, and the investigation begun on Saturday into the proposition of the Panama Canal Company was continued. The questions asked today were largely in further explanation of matters that were covered at the meeting on Saturday. M. Lampre was particularly questioned this morning in regard to the rights of the French people who are stockholders in the Panama Canal Company, and in regard to the assets of that company. Facts relating to the Panama Canal Company, which were developed and the enormous dividends declared on the stock of that company, which, it was declared, amounted to 34 per cent on the capitalization, were gone into.

The committee adjourned at 12 o'clock with an understanding that it would reconvene at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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